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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****Applicant(s):** Taeko Tanaka**Group Art** 2612**NOV 15 2004****Serial No.:** 09/256,411**Examiner:** James M. Hannett**Filed:** February 24, 1999**For:** IMAGE SENSING METHOD, IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS, CONTROL  
METHOD THEREFOR, AND STORAGE MEDIUM**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

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1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) (with authorization to charge deposit account)(1 page);
2. Petition for (one month) Extension of Time (with authorization to charge deposit account)(2 pages);
3. Submission Under 37 CFR §1.114 (20 pages);

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# **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application No.	09/256,411
Filing Date	February 24, 1999
First Named Inventor	Takeo Tanaka
Group Art Unit	2612
Examiner Name	HANNETT, James A.
Atty Docket No.	1232-4512

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

*NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the parent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

## 1. **Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
iii. ☐ Other:
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:

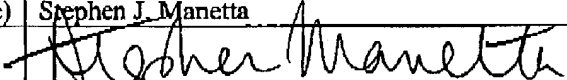
## 2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. Other:

## 3. **Fees** The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any deficiency therein, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4512:
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4512

## **SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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